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DEPT. FOR A/SY/OPS/FO AND A/SY/CC/TAGS; FRANKFURT FOR RSS

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ASEC, CY
SUBJECT: POSSIBLE PALESTINIAN TERRORIST THREAT

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1. GOC'S QUICK RESPONSE TO OUR REQUEST TO ASSURE THE SAFETY OF EMBASSY EMPLOYEES HAS BEEN GENEROUS. IN LIGHT OF KILLING OF EL SIBAI, THE TRIAL OF HIS TWO MURDERERS, AND INCREASED MOVEMENT OF ARABS IN AND THROUGH CYPRUS, THE CYPRIOT POLICE FORCE (CYPOL) IS HEAVILY COMMITTED. IN SPITE OF THIS, CYPOL HAS ESTABLISHED SPECIAL ROVING PATROLS TO SURVEY THE RESIDENCES OF AMERICAN EMBASSY EMPLOYEES AND INSTALLATIONS ON A 24-HOUR BASIS. THE ROVING PATROLS MAINTAIN SURVEILLANCE LOGS WHICH ARE REVIEWED DAILY BY THE RSO. THE POLICE PATROL TEAMS HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO IMMEDIATELY REPORT SUSPICIOUS INCIDENTS TO THE RSO OR THE MSG AT THE EMBASSY. THE PATROLS HAVE BEEN ISSUED CYPOL RADIOS AND HAVE BEEN ALERTED TO RESPOND IF THE SITUATION REQUIRES.

2. IN ADDITION TO THE PROTECTIVE SURVEILLANCE, CYPOL HAS FURNISHED THE EMBASSY WITH AN EMERGENCY TELEPHONE

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NUMBER WHICH WILL BE ANSWERED BY AN ENGLISH-SPEAKING MEMBER OF THE POLICE FORCE. THIS NUMBER HAS BEEN GIVEN TO ALL AMERICAN EMPLOYEES.

3. THE EMBASSY HAS ASSIGNED A TEAM COMPOSED OF MEMBERS OF THE AMBASSADOR'S POLICE SECURITY DETAIL TO INSPECT THE RESIDENCES OF AMERICAN EMPLOYEES FROM 2100 HOURS TO 0500

HOURS DAILY. THIS SURVEILLANCE IS FURTHER AUGMENTED BY THE RSO.

4. THE MISSION'S SCHOOL BUS SERVICE FOR DEPENDENTS HAS BEEN INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED. UNNECESSARY FUNCTIONS WHICH WOULD HAVE BEEN ATTENDED BY A LARGE NUMBER OF AMERICANS HAVE BEEN CANCELLED.

5. NO FURTHER SUSPICIOUS SURVEILLANCE ACTIVITY HAS BEEN REPORTED BY OUR EMPLOYEES OR POLICE. RESULTS OF POLICE INVESTIGATION OF THE MATTER IS PENDING. WE WILL PROMPTLY REPORT FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.
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